

## THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

## XXXXVII CONGRESS...First Session.

SENATE...WASHINGTON, JAN. 8, 1864.

## THE BIPARTY TREATY.

Mr. MORSE (Un., Me.) offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

*Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the President be, and is hereby requested to send to the Government of Great Britain the notes required by the schedule of the reciprocity treaty for the termination of the same.

THANKS TO GEN. HODGE, RING, AND RANKS,

AND THE ARMY.

Mr. WILSON (Un., Mass.) from the Committee on Military Affairs reported joint resolutions expressive of thanks to Gen. Hodge, Hooker, Meade, and Banks, and the others and men under them.

## THANKS TO BURNside AND HIS ARMY.

Mr. SCHAFFER (Un., R. I.) from the same Committee offered a joint resolution expressive of thanks to Gen. Burnside, and the officers and men under his command.

## PROMOTION OF ENLISTMENTS.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill to promote enlistments, providing as follows: That all enlistments heretofore made in the Regular Army during the Rebellion shall be for three years; that all recruits enlisted or re-enlisted into the service shall receive the same clothing, pay, rations, equipment, camp equipage, rations, and pay, as white troops shall have ten months advance pay, and the wives and children of such recruits shall forever thereafter be free; that cheaphands absent from duty by reason of wounds shall have full pay without rations, and half pay with rations when absent for other causes; that a battalion of engineers be allowed an adjutant, quartermaster, and commissary, to be selected from the lieutenants of the battalion; other minor officers are also allowed.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

## THE PAY OF MILITARY OFFICERS.

Mr. GRIMES (Un., Iowa) introduced a bill making the pay of Major-General \$4,000, with commutation, when out of command; a Brigadier-General to receive the same pay as at present when on duty, and \$2,500 when in command of a department, or on other duty not in the field, and when on leave, or waiting orders, \$2,500; Colonels to be paid the same as now when on full duty, \$2,000 when not in the field, and \$2,000 when on leave; Lieutenant-Colonels, \$1,600; Majors, \$1,300; Captains, \$750 when on duty not in the field, and \$1,200 on leave or awaiting orders; Captain's pay, under similar circumstances, to be reduced to \$1,200 and \$750, and Lieutenants, say to \$1,000 and \$750.

The bill was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

## THE PAY IN COURTS.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill which was referred to the Judiciary Committee, repealing certain statutes and laws to limit the time within which trials proceedings in criminal or civil courts, or courts-martial, as far as they relate to acts or crimes committed since Jan. 1, 1861, also repealing all provisions of any law limiting the time for any proceedings relative to the abandonment, conviction or forfeiture of real or personal estate.

## THE CONDITION OF THE NAVY.

Mr. HALE (Un., N. H.) submitted the following: Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed, to inquire into the condition of the navy, and to report a bill for the use of the navy, the mode and manner of procuring supplies for the navy, and the conduct of the Department generally; and that they have power to send for persons to give evidence.

Mr. HALE said there had been a report of an argument furnished to him, made by Mr. Dickinson of New York, in which he gave facts, dates, and figures to show a total want of intelligence in the Navy Department in regard to the construction of its vessels for marine purposes, that the vessels constructed by the present mode are failures; and that a hundred and seventy millions of dollars were spent entirely useless. This was a gross and palpable charge, or want of capacity, and some inquiry. He could have given it to the Secretary of the Navy called for an investigation. This was a question which stirred the nation. We were called upon to appropriate \$70,000,000, and he thought something should be done with this paper. If it contained anything at all, he felt it proper to call the attention of the Senate to it. He had no disposition to take the time of the Senate to do this. The administration of the country it had at all times been his desire while he did not in some cases statements, he believed from his information, men consonant with the subject, that something was wrong. A feeling of despair, he said, comes over the people on account of naval movements. I hope the Senate will dispose of the matter as I have suggested, or in any way to accomplish the end desired in my resolution.

Mr. COXON remarked that the gentleman having fallen from grace by his present degradation in having once been the hero of the country, had composed a letter to the house of lords. To whom does he come to us? He does not know. He did not easily dash from any of the facts regarding the proper administration of the Government.

Mr. COWAN (Un., Pa.)—He thought the Senator who presented this paper had done a good service to the country.

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